Production and Export of Pesticides

1976. SHRIMATI ELA RAMESH BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the various pesticides being manufactured in the country and what are the details regarding the names of the manufacturers with production of each for 1986-87, also indicating the value of production;

(b) which of the pesticides were imported during 1986-87 with their names and countries which manufactured them and the value thereof;

(c) which of the pesticides were re-exported from India indicating the value and quantities and the countries to which exported;

(d) which of the pesticides were manufactured in and exported from India, with quantities and the countries to which exported and their value for 1986-87; and

(e) whether the Hindustan Insecticides Limited have undertaken R&D in Integrated Pest Management?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The producton data for 1986-87 for major pesticides is attached. These data are not kept manufacturer-wise or by the value of production.

(b) to (d) Import and export data of pesticides for the year 1986-87 is yet to be compiled. Director General, Commercial Intelligent and Statistics, an agency under the Ministry of Commerce has firm figures of only upto 1985-86.

(e) No, Sir.

Conference of State Power Ministers

1977. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of State Power Ministers was held in New Delhi in the last week of February, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of this conference;

(c) whether the Energy Minister in his inaugural speech stated that 50 per cent of transmission and distribution loss is due to theft; and

(d) if so, what are the main areas of theft and what steps Government have taken to minimise it/eliminate it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The main recommendations of the Conference are as follows:—

1. Two Working group consisting of representatives of Deptt. of Power/ Central Electricity Authority and the State Electricity Boards (one from each region) may be formed for in-depth study of the following issues:—

(i) Steps required for strengthening of finances of State Electricity Boards.

(ii) Steps required for ensuring un-interrupted power supply for Core Sector industry in the Public Sector.

2. The State Electricity Boards whose plant load factor for Thermal Plants is less than the national average should make concerted efforts to improve the performance of their power stations.

(c) and (d) The transmission and distribution losses comprise (i) technical losses and (ii) commercial and/or unaccounted losses including theft of power. In a large system such as ours, it is difficult to precisely segregate the technical and commercial losses.

Central Electricity Authority have issued comprehensive guidelines to

the Electricity Supply Organisations for the reduction of T&D losses. The Indian Electricity Act, 1910, has been amended to make theft of power a cognizable offence. The State Governments/Electricity Supply Organisations have been advised to intensify surprise inspection of the various consumer installations, and to undertake suitable administrative and legislative measures for the prevention of theft of power.

Demand of E.D. Employees of P&T Department

1978. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Extra-departmental employees of P&T Department were sitting on Dharna from January 27, 1988 in connection with their demands regarding improvement of their service conditions;

(b) if so, what are their demands and Government's response thereto; and

(c) whether the recommendations made by the 'Savoor Committee' with regard to Extra-departmental employees have all been implemented; if not, which of them were rejected and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. One of the recognised unions namely, Bharatiya Extra Departmental Employees Union staged a dharna from 27th January, 1988 to 29th February, 1988 for settlement of demands of E.D. employees. The demands submitted by the Union and the response of the Department thereto are indicated in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(c) Information in this regard is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

1. *Regulation of ED Employees.*

Extra Departmental employees are employed on part-time basis for fixed hours of work on consideration of monthly allowance. Their services are not regularised as in case of regular Government servants. However, they are eligible for absorption in Group 'D'/Postmen and Mailguards posts by way of examination to the extent of availability of vacancies as per recruitment rules. There is no other way of regularisation of ED employees.

2. *Grant of pro-rata wages to ED Employees.*

Extra Departmental employees have been given basic allowance fixed between certain minimum and maximum. Their basic allowances have been revised recently after an indepth study of the various factors which go into this formulation. A minimum of 40 points workload had been accepted for the Extra Departmental Branch Postmasters and a minimum payment of Rs. 240/- p.m. have been ensured to each and every Extra Departmental employee, irrespective of the workload. By and large, as per this formulation, various categories of Extra Departmental employees have been benefited. The demand for pro-rata wages cannot be applied in this system where emoluments are fixed in an entirely different working system.

3. *Grant of bonus on actual emoluments.*

Grant of bonus on actual emoluments was demanded by the representatives of the Union. The question was considered in depth and it was agreed to make the payment of bonus to extra departmental employees for the year 1986-87 on the basis of deemed monthly emoluments of Rs. 240/- against Rs. 130/- earlier.

4. *Emoluments to ED BPM should be paid as per old norms.*

The workload of Extra Departmental Branch Postmasters is calculated